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**Response to Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements**

**MAIL STOP SEQUENCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements mailed 04/05/2006, Applicants respectfully submit, along with a copy of the Notice, a substitute written Sequence Listing and a DOS Text CRF Sequence Listing file "3172us0pSeqCORR.txt" on the enclosed 3.5" IBM PC/AT computer disk.

Please substitute the Written Sequence Listing for the Sequence Listing as filed.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the CRF and the written Sequence Listing are the same in content. The substitute Sequence Listing does not add new matter.

The substitute Sequence Listing corrects a missing nucleic acid residue in the DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO.: 9) encoding for Rat Gpr39 protein. The substitute Sequence Listing includes the correction of the last codon by inserting a missing last base "g" No. 1368 of the nucleic acid sequence for Rat Gpr39. The final translated protein Amino Acid sequence and corresponding DNA nucleic acid sequence for Rat Gpr39 was deposited as GenBank sequence XM\_222578.2 on September 22, 2003 (gi34879487). (A copy of the NCBI print-out is enclosed).

One of ordinary skill in the art could ascertain the missing base in the final codon from the Amino Acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 8 and the published Rat Gpr39 nucleic acid sequence. Thus the substitute Sequence Listing does not contain new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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